

PRESENTATION OF THE
ACADEMY PLAQUE TO
PETER M. MURRAY, M.D.*

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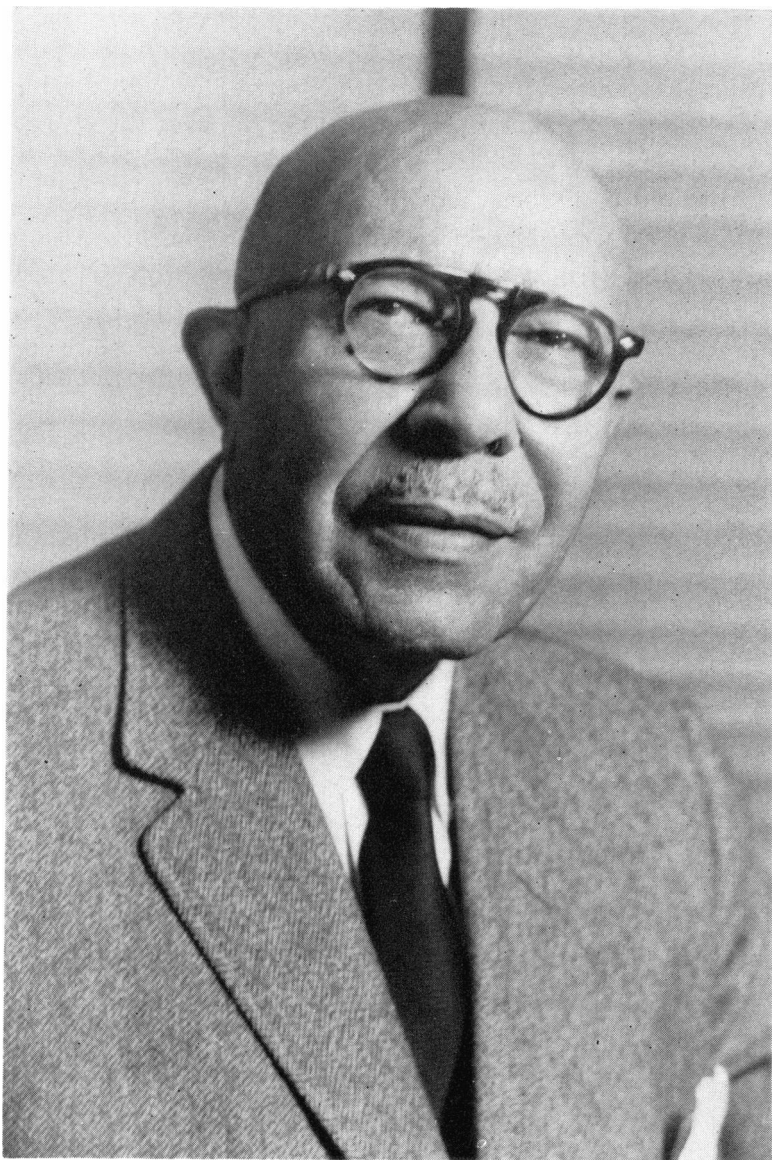
THE Academy plaque is given in recognition of devoted contributions to the activities of the Academy. It has been awarded 16 times. The recipients have included many distinguished citizens of the medical community.

Peter M. Murray, to whom the 1969 award is made, is in the tradition of the truly distinguished physician and constantly loyal colleague. As he looks back from the far side of his 80th birthday, Dr. Murray can survey a useful career frequently and deeply involved in the public service. He had his premedical training at the University of New Orleans in his native State of Louisiana. He received his M.D. degree at Howard University 55 years ago, and he has at least three honorary doctor of science degrees.

Early in his career he taught surgery at his alma mater and manifested his interest in public service by serving as what was then called "Medical Inspector of Schools" in Washington, D.C. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Howard University for 45 years. Nearly half a century of his fruitful career has been passed in New York City, where he practiced gynecology at Harlem Hospital, at Sydenham, and at St. Clare's. He continues to hold consultant positions at Harlem and St. Clare's.

He has been a fellow of The Academy of Medicine for more than 30 years and a member of the Academy's Committee on Medical Education for more than 20. This does not tell the complete story of his services to the Academy because here, as elsewhere, his great contribution has been his willingness to help whenever asked to participate in any activities of subcommittees or to give good advice. We could al-

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ways be sure that the Academy had a friend on the Board of Hospitals of the City of New York because Peter Murray served with that board, or among the trustees of the State University of New York because Peter Murray served with that Board of Trustees, or with the Hospital Council of Greater New York because Peter Murray was a vice president of that council.

Dr. Murray has also been active in the affairs of organized medicine; a past president of the National Medical Association, he is also a past president of the Medical Society of the County of New York. He served for many years in the House of Delegates of the American Medical Association and holds a fellowship in the American College of Surgeons and in the International College of Surgeons. In all his professional societies he has always been the statesman—truly a statesman of medicine—and is now a revered elder statesman.

He has been married for 52 years to a former teacher of music and singer of national repute. He tells me that Mrs. Murray is now the best nurse in the world. Mrs. Murray, you had better be! Because, you know, you have a V.I.P. for a patient.